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Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
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ICE TRAY DRIVING DEVICE, AND  
AUTOMATIC ICE MAKING MACHINE  
USING THE SAME  
**(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation-In-Part  
of International Application No.  
PCT/JP03/02575, Filed March 5, 2003)**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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- the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

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Respectfully submitted,

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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	AA	4,852,359	8/1989	Mazzotti			
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	AL	2002-130877	5/2002	JP			Abstract
	AM	2002-130883	5/2002	JP			Abstract
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<b>OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>							
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